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OFFICE OVER FUCHTLER & KERN'S.

### The Post Office Muddle.

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On Monday, Sept. 5, Mr. J. N. Green, Ass't P. M. left to visit his relatives in Connecticut, and John R. Smith being incapable of managing the office employed two additional assistants, viz: H. L. Grant, ex-P. M., and C. H. Stansell the late Democratic clerk. The work of the office is now performed by four men and "Ephram" has no 'coon yet?" H. L. Grant has assumed the duties of "boss" while John R. Smith dances to the music. We hope that since the force of the office has been increased the management will be better, and that mail matter will be delivered without putting people to the trouble of riding 26 miles to get their letters, directed to our business men, delivered, said business men going to the office daily and failing to get their mail. Mr. Isidor Pearl reports to us that he mailed a letter in Kinston, N. C., (registered) on Friday morning Sept. 2d, containing money and an order for goods which he wanted sent him to Kinston Friday evening by Express; the letter was addressed to Jos. Edwards of this place. Within a stone's throw of the office in Kinston Friday morning and failing to get it, he came here Sunday to find out what was the matter and when he inquired at Edward's was told that he had sent to the office Friday morning and Saturday, but got no letter from him. On Monday they sent to the office and stated that a letter had been mailed to them from Kinston on Friday, and it was then delivered after being delayed for three days and putting Mr. Pearl to the inconvenience and expense of coming from Kinston to look after it. We think such management is not likely to render the mails a source of convenience to the public for Mr. Pearl could have sent an ox cart in charge of a plantation boy and had his goods in Kinston while waiting for his letter to be delivered out of the post office.

What does Sears and the colored men have to say about John R. Smith, now? We see he has taken his Democratic clerk, Mr. Stansell, back in the office and left the negro out in the cold. We will now ask Mr. John R. Smith a few questions.

1. Are you a Republican? If so why have you had a Democratic clerk in your office ever since you have been post master?

2. Why do you not take a colored clerk in the office as you promised to do when you got colored men to sign your petition? Is it because a few of your Democratic friends have asked you "not to take a nigger."

We now ask Mr. Sears and every colored man who signed John R. Smith's petition to meet and pass resolutions denouncing him and state the fact that he got their names to his petition fraudulently and then send a copy of such resolutions to the Post Office Department. Will colored men suffer to be led about like so many sheep by John R. Smith, Grant & Co.? If so how do they expect to ever be anything or be recognized as a people. We urge no man claim for office on account of his color but the day for negroes to only be considered tools

has passed, and we look to be recognized as a people entitled to our share of due consideration at the hands of the administration. We want to see intelligent colored men have some of the positions, but as long as such men as John R. Smith and his gang of hungry vultures are allowed to step in position the first thing they do is to try to frown down the efforts of every colored man who tries to get a position, no matter how deserving he may be. The Republican party is composed of white men and negroes and a man's color is no longer a bar to his eligibility to vote, hold office, and enjoy the rights of an American citizen; and we hope the day is near at hand for John R. Smith to walk out and make room for a Republican to step in who will not look on all negroes as thieves, but will accord to colored men the rights they are entitled to, and who will discharge his duties at all times without fear or favor.

The STAR is a Republican paper and its aim will ever be to advance the interests of the Republican party and promote our best men to office regardless of color. A few weeks ago the Messenger stated that the colored men were trying to make John R. Smith take a colored man in the office and that John R. Smith suited the public for Post master. The shoe fits the other foot. John R. Smith promised the colored men he would take a colored clerk in order to get them to sign his petition, and the colored people were only trying to get him to fulfill his promise.

The cat is out of the bag and John R. Smith has lost the confidence of Republicans, Democrats and negroes, and the majority of our citizens look forward with much pleasure to the day for him to walk down and out. John R. has been feeding too rapidly on Uncle Sam's smoke house and has "bit off more than he can chew."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

On returning home after a three weeks journey through the Western part of the State we found on our desk a number of invitations and among them one to the "Colored Press Association" held in Chicago on Tuesday, August 23, 1881. We very much regret our inability to be present.

### THREE WEEKS IN THE WEST.

We left Goldsboro on the 19th of August and made our first stop at RALEIGH,

where we received a nice list of subscribers; while in the city we met Hon. I. J. Young, W. Whitaker, F. M. Sorrell, Sec. State Republican Executive Committee; Jas. H. Harris, Stewart Ellison, Post Master Jno. Nichols, Ex-Gov. W. W. Holden, and Mr. C. D. Upchurch, C. S. C., and Probate Judge. On the evening of the 20th we mounted the Iron Horse and rolled away to DURHAM,

where we met Rev. Fred. H. Wilkins, who took us around on Monday and assisted us to secure a nice list of cash subscribers. We visited Blackwell's Tobacco Establishment and the Artesian well; we were informed that the well had reached a depth of 1,300 feet; its diameter is about six inches. We next visited, on the 21st, the quaint old town of HILLSBORO,

which is noted as the birth place of some of the greatest Lawyers, Judges and Governors—such as the Grahams and Ruffins—that North Carolinians have ever had the pleasure to honor with distinction. Here

we met some of the leading business men and received their subscriptions. Our next stopping place was GREENSBORO,

where we met Hon. Judge Dick, Hon. R. M. Douglas, Hon. Thos. B. Keogh, Hon. J. D. White, Rev. A. A. Powell and Hon. J. R. Nocho of R. M. S. Here we received an extensive list of subscribers of some of the leading men in the State.

We next branched off from the main line of Road for two days and wended our way to the home of Geo. B. Everett and found that he was absent at the Virginia Springs with a hope of restoring his shattered constitution.

WINSTON

is a beautiful little mountain town of about four thousand inhabitants; here we met Dr. W. H. Wheeler, ex-Collector of Internal Revenue of that District, also J. W. Goslin, of the Union Republican; also our old friend from Eastern Carolina, W. G. Catus.

We next took passage on the R. & D. Railroad for the old old town, thence old town of SALISBURY.

Here we met our young and esteemed friend, Rev. F. C. Potter of the First Presbyterian church. We secured a good list of subscribers and had a pleasant time. On the 28th we took our departure for the town of CONCORD,

and arrived there about 2 o'clock, p. m.; here we met our distinguished friend W. C. Coleman who spared no pains to make our visit pleasant and profitable. We met some of the best people of Concord, white and black; Prof. J. Wallace is the biggest man on Figures in the West. We spent several days in and around the town and then steamed our way to the Western Metropolis of North Carolina—the city of CHARLOTTE.

We stopped at the (J. M.) Goode House, which is well kept. Here we met Gov. Vance, Judge Reade, W. W. Jenkins, our old friend King, Mr. P. C. Hall and a host of others too numerous to mention; suffice it to say that we secured one hundred and two subscribers on our tour and received the cash for them.

The crops in Western Carolina on the line of the Richmond and Danville Railroad are entirely destroyed by the drought.

We should have liked very much to publish the proceedings of the "National Colored Press Association," which met in Chicago on the 23d of August, but space will not allow us so to do; however, we feel bound by the action of the Association and give some of their important Resolutions below.

WHEREAS, The Freedmen of the United States have under the permission of a treaty with the Seminole Indians, every legal and moral right to occupy the lands known as Oklahoma Territory. Therefore,

Resolved, That we use every means possible to secure the opening of said Territory to the Freedmen, as provided in said treaty.

Resolved, That we demand mixed schools, wherever practicable, and when impracticable, we shall insist upon colored teachers only being employed in public schools.

Resolved, That we support the Mahome movement in Virginia, for the reason that it will soonest secure to the colored voters of that State, a free and fair ballot.

Resolved, That we tender thanks to the Chicago daily press, for the courtesy to us during the sessions of our convention.

We should have sent the Association a communication had we not been among the hills of Western Carolina.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Washington, D. C., where we propose to meet with it. In the meantime, brethren, let each do his whole duty.

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Address all communications to GEO. T. WASSON, Attorney at Law, Goldsboro, N. C. Box 584. Board can be had in Goldsboro quite reasonable for young men who are preparing themselves for future usefulness. If any further information is desired write to the above address.

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